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July 8, 1970

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Dr. Jennings Davis, Jr.
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Dear Jennings:

Your letter of the 28th was such an encouragement on the same day that I learned that Stanely Shipp would be leaving the Highland church and I would be left with the whole burden of the congregational work. I read your letter and appreciated the encouragement in it.

We will get to see you while you are in Tennessee. We plan to be in Tennessee between August 1 and 15. In fact, about the 4th or 5th of August I will come to Nashville to study each day at the Vanderbilt Divinity Library. I will be preparing sermons I am going to preach all fall out of the epistle to the Romans. Carl Holladay, who is a Ph.D. candidate at Princeton and I plan to do a lot of studying together during that period. He and his wife are in Nashville this summer while he works with Southwestern Publishing Company. We will look forward to being with you and having an opportunity to do some serious praying together.

I have just finished a series of sermons on "prayer" here at the Highland church that have been well received. It has been so encouraging to see people respond to these lessons and to see the way their spiritual lives are obviously deepening. I can appreciate the "tug" that you feel about preaching. I think God could use you greatly. In fact, I long for a time when the two of us can work in some kind of team ministry where there could be unstructured relationships that would allow for the full expression of all of our mutual and complementary talents. We'll put that in the prayer mill and see what God has in store.

I have mentioned Ann King to John Stevens. He sounded very interested and indicated that he would contact her immediately. This was two weeks ago and I don't know whether anything has come of it yet or not. I believe that it was best for her to stay there but she didn't and I wasn't going to press the matter with her.

Don't try to answer all my letters. I just get the urge to stay in touch with you and to communicate with you. It will be great seeing you in the fall and besides, I've got Three American Revolutions just out by Carlton Press, which I need you to serve as agent on the West Coast. You did such a good job with my Shrine Auditorium tapes that I thought you would want to take on a new line to battle. Seriously, the cover and make-up of the book looks good. I only hope we sell enough to get all of my Nashville friends out of hock.

C I wish there were some way you and Vera could stay over for our retreat on the 15th and 16th of August with Roy Osbourne. Sue and I are going to participate as "laymen" while Roy is going to be leading the retreat. It would be great if you and Vera could be there with us. Let me know if there is a possibility that you could stay that long.

O The Missions Seminar is going well. In addition to selling our house and moving into a rental house this week and in addition to teaching three hours every morning, I have been lecturing every evening, the five evenings this week on "The Nature of Man." I hope I get through it. This is only the middle of the week and I go tonight to the College church auditorium to work in that stimulating situation.

P We love you and send all of you our prayers and concern,

Your brother,

Y John Allen Chalk

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